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AEROSPACE INTERESTS WHILE IN U.S.

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1. A U.K.. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED JUN22 THAT
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PRIME MINISTER CALLAOHAN WILL TALK WITH FRANK BORMAN OF
EASTERN AIRLINES, T. WILSON OF BOEING, AND HOPEFULLY A
MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS REPRESENTATIVE WHILE IN THE U.S. TO RE-
CEIVE THE HUBERT HUMPHREY MEMORIAL AWARD. THE TALKS ARE
EXPECTED TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN BRITAIN'S DECI-
SION ON AN AEROSPACE PARTNER.

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2. CALLAGHAN MAV INTEND TO DISCUSS AEROSPACE PROJECTS WITH GISCARD AND SCHMIDT AT THE WESTERN SUMMITS NEXT MONTH. THE LONDON TIMES, WHICH SEES MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS AS THE FRONTRUNNER TO BE BRITAIN'S PARTNER IN A NEW AIR-LINER PROJECT, PREDICTS HE WILL USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO "SMOOTH OBJECTIONS TO BRITAIN'S JOINING AN AMERICAN AIR-LINER PROJECT." (THE FT REPORTED FROM BONN JUNE 19, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SENIOR WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FO AEROSPACE POLICY HAVE EMPHATICALLY TOLD THE BRITISH GOVT. THAT THE ENTIRE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY WOULD BE PUT AT RISK IF

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BRITAIN COOPERATES WITH BOEING RATHER THAN THE AIRBUS CONSORTIUM. THE OFFICIALS ARE ALSO SAID TO HAVE OBSERVED THAT IF IT TOOK THAT COURSE, BRITAIN MIGHT FIND ITSELF EXCLUDED FROM FUTURE JOINT MILITARY AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS. AT THE SAME TIME THEY APPARENTLY VIEWED A MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS-U.K.-EUROPEAN ATMR (ADVANCED TRANSPORT MEDIUM RANGE) WITH SOME EQUANIMITY, PROVIDED THE BRITISH ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE AIRBUS B 10. (ARTICLE BEING POUCHED DEPT., BONN, PARIS.)

3. THE PM IS TO FLY TO WASHINGTON BY CONCORDE ON
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SATURDAY AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO NEW YORK TO RECEIVE THE AWARD ON MONDAY.

4. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION, MADE EXPLICIT BY THE FT, IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DECISION ON A MANUFACTURING PARTNER UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMITS. THIS APPARENTLY APPLIES ALSO TO A DECISION ON BRITISH AIRWAYS' REQUEST TO BUY 19 BOEING 737'S.

5. JOHN STEELE, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRADE FOR AVIATION AND MARITIME AFFAIRS, COMMENTED JUNE 22, THAT HE AND HIS MINISTER, EDMUND DELL,STRONGLY FAVOR THE BOEING PROPOSAL. HE ADDED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS UNDER STRONG AND CONFLICTING PRESSURES FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS, AND ANY DECISION HE (THE PM) TAKES WILL BE A VERY PERSONAL ONE.

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